

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 5575–5594; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 314–315; and H. Res. 1034–1035, 1037–1038 were introduced. **Pages H1538–39**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1539–40**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Supplemental report on H.R. 5501, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria (H. Rept. 110–546, Pt. 2) and

H. Res. 1036, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 312) revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013. **Pages H1515, H1528**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Solis to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1447**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at noon. **Page H1449**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Gohmert motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 20 yeas to 364 nays, Roll No. 111. **Page H1453**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 1034, electing the following Members to serve on certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Armed Services: Representative Wittman (VA). Committee on Homeland Security: Representative Miller (MI). **Pages H1457–58**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Westmoreland motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 6 yeas to 387 nays, Roll No. 112. **Page H1458**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Miller (MI), wherein she resigned from the Committee on Armed Services, effective today. **Page H1458**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Wittman (VA), wherein he resigned from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, effective today. **Page H1458**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Sires, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Financial Services, effective today. **Page H1458**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 1035, electing the following Members to serve on certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Foreign Affairs: Representative Berman, Chairman. Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Representative Sires. **Page H1459**

Discharge Petition: Representative Drake moved to discharge the Committees on Homeland Security, the Judiciary, Ways and Means, Education and Labor, Oversight and Government Reform, Armed Services, Agriculture, and Natural Resources from the consideration of H.R. 4088, to provide immigration reform by securing America's borders, clarifying and enforcing existing laws, and enabling a practical employer verification program (Discharge Petition No. 5).

Supplemental Report: Agreed that the Committee on Foreign Affairs be permitted to file a supplemental report on H.R. 5501, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. **Page H1467**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Manzullo motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 5 yeas to 388 nays, Roll No. 113. **Pages H1467–68**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Platts motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 4 yeas to 396 nays, Roll No. 114. **Pages H1499–H1500**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Authorizing the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to construct a greenhouse facility at its museum support facility in Suitland, Maryland: H.R. 5492, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to construct a greenhouse facility at its museum support facility in Suitland, Maryland; **Pages H1454–55**

Expressing gratitude to all of the member states of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) on ratifying the May 2006 Agreement to amend the 1955 Bonn Accords granting open access to vast Holocaust and other World War II related archives located in Bad Arolsen, Germany: H. Res. 854, amended, to express gratitude to all of the member states of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) on ratifying the May 2006 Agreement to amend the 1955 Bonn Accords granting

open access to vast Holocaust and other World War II related archives located in Bad Arolsen, Germany;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing gratitude to all of the member states of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service on ratifying the May 2006 Agreement to amend the 1955 Bonn Accords granting access to vast Holocaust and other World War II related archives located in Bad Arolsen, Germany.”.

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Commemorating the 175th anniversary of the special relationship between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand: H. Con. Res. 290, amended, to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the special relationship between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand; and

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Recognizing the 187th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy: H. Res. 1024, amended, to recognize the 187th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, March 10th:

Congratulating Iowa State University of Science and Technology for 150 years of leadership and service to the United States and the world as Iowa’s land-grant university: H. Res. 924, amended, to congratulate Iowa State University of Science and Technology for 150 years of leadership and service to the United States and the world as Iowa’s land-grant university, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 405 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 115;

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Congratulating the University of Kansas (“KU”) football team for winning the 2008 FedEx Orange Bowl and having the most successful year in program history: H. Res. 948, amended, to congratulate the University of Kansas (“KU”) football team for winning the 2008 FedEx Orange Bowl and having the most successful year in program history by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 396 yeas with 12 voting “present”, Roll No. 118; and

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Congratulating the women’s water polo team of the University of California, Los Angeles, for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women’s Water Polo National Championship, and congratulating UCLA on its 100th NCAA sports national title, making it the most accomplished athletic program in NCAA history: H. Res. 493, amended, to congratulate the women’s water polo team of the Uni-

versity of California, Los Angeles, for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women’s Water Polo National Championship, and congratulating UCLA on its 100th NCAA sports national title, making it the most accomplished athletic program in NCAA history, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 119.

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Oath of Office—Fourteenth Congressional District of Illinois: Representative-elect Bill Foster presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from Mr. Daniel W. White, Executive Director, Illinois State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held on March 8, 2008, the Honorable Bill Foster was elected Representative to Congress for the Fourteenth Congressional District, State of Illinois.

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Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. Bill Foster, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 430.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Price (GA) announced his intention to offer a privileged resolution.

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Question of Privilege: The Chair ruled that the resolution offered by Representative Price (GA) did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House. Agreed to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 192 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 116.

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Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008—Presidential Veto: The House voted to sustain the President’s veto of H.R. 2082, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 117 (two-thirds of those present not voting to override).

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Subsequently, the message (H. Doc. 110–100) and the bill were referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Abercrombie motion to adjourn by a yeas-and-nay vote of 177 yeas to 196 nays with one voting “present”, Roll No. 120.

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Providing for the adoption of H. Res. 895: The House agreed to H. Res. 1031, providing for the

adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 895) establishing within the House of Representatives an Office of Congressional Ethics, by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 182 nays with 4 voting "present", Roll No. 122, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 121.

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Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 895 is adopted.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Honoring the 200th anniversary of the Gallatin Report on Roads and Canals: H. Res. 936, amended, to honor the 200th anniversary of the Gallatin Report on Roads and Canals, to celebrate the national unity the Gallatin Report engendered, and to recognize the vast contributions that national planning efforts have provided to the United States;

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Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act: H.R. 5563, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; and

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Temporarily extending the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965: S. 2733, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965.

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Motion to Adjourn: Agreed to the Sutton motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 123.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1449 and H1468.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 66 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls Votes: Twelve yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1453, H1458, H1467–68, H1499–H1500, H1500, H1503, H1513–14, H1514, H1515, H1524–25, H1532, H1533–34, and H1536–37. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT; FDA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Research, Education and Economic budget request. Testimony was heard from Gale A. Buchanan, Under

Secretary, Research, Education and Economics, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on OJP/COPS/OVW. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Jeffrey Sedgwick, Acting Associate Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs; Carl R. Peed, Director, Community Oriented Policing Services; and Cindy Dyer, Director, Office on Violence Against Women.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Secretary of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Air Force Posture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Air Force: Michael W. Wynn, Secretary, and GEN T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Chief of Staff.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on DOE—Energy and Conservation, Fossil Energy, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: C.H. Albright, Jr., Under Secretary; Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; James Slutz, Acting Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy; and Kevin Kolevar, Director, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government held a hearing on Consumer Product Safety Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Consumer Product Safety Commission: Nancy Nord, Acting Chair; and Thomas H. Moore, Commissioner.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Citizenship and Immigration Services: Strengthening legal immigration and improving refugee processing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, Department of Homeland Security: Emilio Gonzales, Director; Jonathan Scharfen, Deputy Director; and Timothy Rosado, Acting Chief Financial Officer.